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Winter Wheat: Area Seeded, By State & United States, 2001-2003

State	Crop			2003/2002
	2001	2002	2003	
	1,000 Acres			Percent
Alabama	170	150	150	100
Arizona	6	10	7	70
Arkansas	1,100	960	760	79
California	530	530	580	109
Colorado	2,350	2,350	2,600	111
Delaware	60	60	55	92
Florida	10	9	20	222
Georgia	300	350	380	109
Idaho	760	730	760	104
Illinois	750	680	800	118
Indiana	400	350	450	129
Iowa	25	20	20	100
Kansas	9,800	9,600	10,300	107
Kentucky	550	550	500	91
Louisiana	175	230	200	87
Maryland	190	195	150	77
Michigan	570	500	680	136
Minnesota	15	35	25	71
Mississippi	250	250	150	60
Missouri	900	900	880	98
Montana	1,300	1,450	1,750	121
Nebraska	1,750	1,650	1,700	103
Nevada	9	6	6	100
New Jersey	31	38	31	82
New Mexico	500	520	480	92
New York	125	130	125	96
North Carolina	680	650	550	85
North Dakota	150	80	130	163
Ohio	950	860	1,000	116
Oklahoma	5,600	6,000	6,500	108
Oregon	750	800	950	119
Pennsylvania	170	190	175	92
South Carolina	220	210	210	100
South Dakota	1,300	1,300	1,500	115
Tennessee	500	470	460	98
Texas	5,600	6,400	6,600	103
Utah	140	140	155	111
Virginia	200	230	210	91
Washington	1,850	1,800	1,850	103
West Virginia	12	12	12	100
Wisconsin	170	190	205	108
Wyoming	160	150	180	120
United States	41,078	41,735	44,246	106

Washington Winter Wheat Seedings Up 50,000 Acres From 2002

Washington wheat producers have seeded an estimated 1.85 million acres of winter wheat planted for harvest in 2003. Acreage at this level is 50,000 acres more than the 2002 crop.

Seeding began last August in the Pacific Northwest, some Mountain States, and Minnesota, Oklahoma, and Texas. Progress advanced ahead of the five year average. Nearly all of the U.S. acreage was seeded by December 1. Most remaining intended areas in the Southeast and California should finish planting sometime next month.

Winter wheat seeded in the Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon, and Idaho) totaled 3.56 million acres, 230,000 acres more than last year. Idaho seeded 760,000 acres, 4 percent more than last year and Oregon seeded 950,000 acres, 19 percent more than last year. Dry conditions prevailed across the PNW during planting. Seeding progress was generally faster than average; however, the dry soil conditions delayed emergence. Rising prices during planting contributed to the larger acreage.

Nationally, the planted area for harvest in 2003 is estimated at 42.2 million acres. This is up 6 percent from 2002 and is the highest level since 1998. Hard Red Winter (HRW) wheat seeded area is 32.1 million acres, up 8 percent from 2002. Significant acreage increases were reported in all major hard red winter wheat states. White winter wheat seeded area totals about 3.9 million acres, up 9 percent from 2002.